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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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SUBJ: LIBYAN-ERITREAN RELATIONS

1. DURING PAST TWO WEEKS, TWO SEPARATE ERITREAN GROUPS HAVE BEEN REPORTED BY LOCAL MEDIA VISITING TRIPOLI. FIRST GROUP, LED BY SECRETARY GENERAL MOHAMMAD RAMADAN NOUR, REPRESENTED POPULAR FRONT MOVEMENT. SECOND GROUP, WHICH DEPARTED JULY 18, REPRESENTED ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT AND WAS HEADED BY AHMAD MUHAMMAD NASSER. BOTH GROUPS WERE RECEIVED BY COL. QADHAFI.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM ITALIAN EMBASSY, WHICH MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH LOCAL ERITREAN OFFICES STILL FUNCTIONING HERE, THAT GROUPS CAME AT INVITATION OF LIBYANS. LIBYA'S PURPOSE IS APPARENTLY TO URGE THEM TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND ISOLATE THE REMAINING ERITREAN GROUP. ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES ERITREANS REMONSTRATED WITH

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LIBYANS OVER SUPPLY OF ARMS TO ADDIS GOVERNMENT WHICH THEY SAID WERE BEING USED TO SHED ERITREAN BLOOD.

3. APPARENTLY DISCUSSION WITH BOTH GROUPS WERE INCONCLUSIVE AND UNSATISFACTORY. PROMINENT MEDIA COVERAGE GIVEN TO VISITS SUGGESTS QADHAFI SEEKING TO IMPROVE HIS OWN IMAGE WHICH HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT TARNISHED LOCALLY BY VIRTUAL ABAND-

ONMENT OF ERITREANS AND FULL SUPPORT FOR ADDIS GOVERNMENT.
LOCAL OPINION, SUCH AS IT EXISTS, FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDER-
STAND HOW LIBYA COULD WITHDRAW SUPPORT FROM STRUGGLING FELLOW
MUSLIMS IN FAVOR OF NON-MUSLIM GOVERNMENT IN ADDIS.
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